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**Incantalupo stakes strong claim to squad,  
Vava's 'macho' Brazilians fly in**

# THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

**Ajax for the apathy Cup**

There's no truth in the rumor that VSF officials have scanned the Yellow Pages all week looking for a rent-a-crowd company to organize Sunday's Dockerty Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 2 between Green Gully Ajax and Sunshine.

But it is true that Sunshine is holding a champagne breakfast at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday morning starting at 9:30 am. The cost to Sunshine fans is \$15 which includes a bus to and from Olympic Park and entrance to the big game.

Really, the Shiners' fans can't lose. They can return to Chaplin Reserve after the match and either celebrate or drown their sorrows with whatever champagne remains.

Both sides must improve on their semi-final efforts. Surely by the handful of people at the final won't be treated to a repeat of last Sunday's sombromantic spectacle.

Ajax will start favorite and should win. While Sunshine defenders Mike Dixey, Steve Scerri and Steve Ellis have the height to contain Gus MacLeod's aerial threat a huge question mark hangs over their positional sense when the Ajax midfield starts to play balls wide and stretch the Shiners at the back.

Sunshine coach Dave O'Connor feels that his side is physically stronger than Ajax. If that's a hint about Sunshine's approach to Sunday's final I can assure O'Connor that there are a few players in the Ajax line-up who don't mind giving twice as much as they take.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Victorian Rothmans Medallist Charlie Egan (right) of Frankston City is congratulated by runner-up Rob Nelson of Sunshine. Nelson may have missed out on the medal, but he hopes to be a Dockerty Cup winner on Sunday.

By MIKE JOHNSON and LAURIE SCHWAB

The countdown to the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships started in earnest on Tuesday with the Brazilian team's arrival in Melbourne.

Brazil is drawn in the Melbourne group against South Korea, Romania and Italy. They kick off on Saturday week.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug submitted his final squad of 18 players to FIFA on Monday but was adamant he would not make it public until tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday morning.

One of the surprise inclusions is likely to be that of Victorian forward Fabio Incantalupo of Juventus.

He scored two goals in the Socceroos' 4-0 victory over the Institute of Sport team in the curtain-raiser to the Philips Cup final between Brisbane Lions and West Adelaide Hellas in Canberra last Sunday.

"Incantalupo is a very improved player," Scheinflug said from the team's headquarters at Canberra's Park Royal motel.

"He's fitting well into our pattern, he's prepared to take men on and get into the box for a shot".

Another outstanding player in camp has been Victorian sweeper Oscar Crino, from the Institute of Sport.

Ian Hunter of Marconi has been unable to train because of a thigh injury and remained doubtful as we went to Press.

Peter Raskopoulos of Sydney Olympic had a precautionary x-ray for an ankle injury and Adelaide City's David Mitchell has been off-color all week because of the flu.



Les Scheinflug



Fabio Incantalupo

Former international forward Vava is coach of the Brazilian team that arrived in Melbourne this week.

"I'm going to share a bit of my experience with these youngsters and I'm sure we'll be able to repeat the brilliant performance that won us the Cannes Soccer Festival in France earlier this year", he said.

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## \$4.45 mil. FACELIFT



The last dab of paint may be splashed minutes before the start of the opening ceremony for October's World Youth Cup but Melbourne's Olympic Park will be one of the showpieces of the tournament.

It's the foreign diplomats and journalists who will be most impressed though they may take their excellent facilities at Olympic Park for granted, coming as they do from countries which allocate large amounts of state and national expenditure to the upgrading of soccer stadia.

Olympic Park is essentially a soccer venue. Athletics really plays a second fiddle to soccer which draws the biggest crowds to the ground. And should summer soccer become a reality Olympic Park's Pan Pacific wing will call for increased usage of the arena.

The upgrading of Olympic Park costs \$4.45 million, with the Victorian government footing \$2.4 million and the federal government tossing in the remaining \$2.05 million.

Members of the media and VIP's will benefit greatly, as will players and spectators.

The grandstand has been extended at either end. When finished it will provide covered seating for 4,000 spectators.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Just below the grandstand what once was standing room will be converted into a seating area for 2,500 spectators without cover.

The seats are single units. Gone are the long wooden benches with leg room exclusive to middle-aged men accompanying scolding limbs at the end of the game.

There are three media areas. A large Press gallery near the halfway line is situated just below the grandstand. It features a lounge area at the back. Radio and TV is well catered for with sound-proof cubicles. Another Press area, mainly for athletics coverage, is in front of the finish line on the 100m straight.

A feature of the area just below the grandstand is a large VIP room which backs onto an entertainment lounge. This lounge will be available for receptions and should get extensive use throughout the year.

Although not ready in time for the World Youth Cup a lift will be available next year, exclusively servicing the media and VIP

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### TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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The new, individual seating in Olympic Park's grandstand

## Scoreboard delayed

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areas. A security corridor runs behind those areas with no access to the public.

There are five dressing rooms underneath the grandstand. A feature of this area is a warm up room. Eventually this will be developed into a fully equipped gymnasium.

The dressing rooms are fully air conditioned and have new shower and toilet facilities.

There will be an interview room in this area. The days of journalists hustling for an interview are gone. Players can wind down and shower after a match without being bothered by someone after a story.

But no amount of money can solve the perennial problem of journalists trying to get a story as soon as the players leave the field. That's not a matter of facilities, but a human problem of communication. For some journalists who have to phone in reports to daily papers and to AAP it's imperative for deadline

reasons that they speak to coaches immediately a match is finished.

Two dugouts have been built at the edge of the athletic track. These concrete monsters will prove massive barriers for the irate fan trying to "get to" the coach. More importantly the dugouts are lit, both have a telephone and provide the sort of professional facility which long has been denied the Victorian player and coach. And the masseur should be happier too.

There should be room in the dugout for a stretcher. No one would like the rest of the world viewing a live telecast of a game via satellite, to see an Olympic Park official carrying down one of the races in search of a stretcher. At World Youth Cup level, that sort of amateurism just isn't on.

We won't be mesmerised by the \$228,000, fully electronic scoreboard planned for the youth championships. Time

didn't permit its erection. Instead a manually operated smaller scoreboard has been erected part of the way up one of the light towers. This score-board costs about \$25,000. But we should see a larger model in operation in 1982.

The old Olympic swimming pool next to the soccer stadium is being converted into the State Indoor Sports Centre to the tune of \$10.5 million.

When finished, the indoor centre will seat 7,000 spectators and indoor soccer is one of the sports it will house.

It's taken a long time for the home of Victorian soccer to be upgraded.

Under threat of being labelled parochial, I think Olympic Park could be developed into the greatest soccer stadium in Australia. The next step in development should be to make the ground fully covered.

Still, the world should be impressed by Olympic Park, 1981 style.

The "Daily Mirror" - Presto Smallgoods Soccer Superstar of 1981 is Ian Souness of Sydney City.

This slick Slacker was crowned Australian soccer superstar at a gala dinner at the Hako Club in Sydney last week.

Over 2250 people packed the Jaffa Restaurant at the Hako Club to witness Souness being crowned.

He was named Superstar by the "Daily Mirror" sporting editor, John Wallis and presented with his prize by Presto managing director Andrew Lederer.

The runner-up in this prestigious award was Sydney Olympic midfielder Peter Katholos.

Both the young stars received silver robedeau vases.

Souness also received a free trip to England and a week's training and coaching with former European champion Nottingham Forest under ace manager Brian Clough.

The star-studded audience at the magnificent Jaffa Restaurant rose as one and applauded Souness when he was named winner.

Earlier in the evening Souness had tied with Joe Watson for the Sydney City Player of the Year award.

National television - Channel 9, Channel 10 and Channel 0/28 was on hand to capture the magic of the evening.

"I'm delighted and I would like to thank all the other 25 players for coming second", Souness said.

"In conjunction with Presto, we plan to make this the biggest award night in soccer in Australia", declared sporting editor Wallis.

Souness' award was worth in the region of \$3000.

The 1981 Rothmans Medal in New South Wales was won by St George striker Dez Marton.

Marton scored about 40 goals for Saints this year.

A week previously he had been in dispute with Saints

over extra money he had asked for to play against Croatia in the preliminary final.

But the Rothmans win healed the bad feeling between Matron and Saints and he was like the "prodigal son" at the end of the night.

By TONY ANDERSON

The voting in the NSW Rothmans Medal was - Dez Marton, 29; Nigel Groome (Sutherland), Peter Stone (St George); Tom Steven (Croatia); John Stoddart (Melita), 23; Marin Kovac (Croatia), 22; Gino Caputo (Monaro).

## Dream start leads Lions to the Cup



Peter Windsor

Brisbane Lions 3 (Daunt, Ferris, Williamson penalty) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Topaz), Phillips Cup final at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, crowd 6132, referee Chris Bambridge.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes, Ontong, Bennett, Hermiston; Ferris, McLaren, Hagg, Daunt (Ogden, 76th), Low, Williamson.

WEST ADELAIDE: Creek, Martin, McLean, O'Farrell, Hickey, MacGregor, Smythe, Meneces (Loranconi, 22nd), Wright (Kambas 59th), Kawasaki.

Brisbane Lions, tighter in defence and sharper on attack, won their first Phillips Cup final 3-1 over West Adelaide Hellas in Canberra on Sunday.

But it was no walkover victory as PSL wooden spooners West Adelaide fought every inch of the way.

Yet in fairness, the game, played in brilliant Spring sunshine, never reached great heights and this scribe has to query the official crowd figure of 6,132.

A more accurate figure would be somewhere between 4,500 to 5,000 - and this from someone who has watched PSL soccer at Bruce Stadium for three seasons.

Brisbane Lions, firm pre-match favourites, had a dream start.

The game was only four minutes old when a Craig Low corner produced a goalmouth scramble and with Martyn Crook on his knee Brisbane's gangling striker Calvin Daunt was on hand to shoot his side into a 1-0 lead.

Brisbane then proceeded to play understandably careful and methodical soccer.

In the backline the every re-

match Jim Hermiston, even though in his own words only 80 percent fit, Col Bennett and Paul Ontong were giving nothing away.

And neither did Nigel Lowndes, despite a kick to the chin in the 10th minute that required stitching at half-time.

But West Adelaide were full of fight and when Graham Honeyman made space on the left flank he let loose a great 20-metre shot that whistled just wide of the upright with Lowndes at full-stretch.

Yet Adelaide's well drilled and well-planned mid-field build-ups broke down at the last moment.

Desperate to pull back the deficit, West Adelaide's coach Peter James brought off Wright and Con Kambe in the 50th minute and committed ex-Israeli international Chiraga Topaz and Graham Honeyman much more to attack.

It was a positive and intelligent move.

For my money Topaz was Adelaide's man of the match, closely followed by Honeyman and lively midfield Vic Smythe.

In a period of early territorial play Brisbane managed a great breakthrough when Calvin Daunt's back-heeler was flicked by Williamson to McLean whose shot was brilliantly saved by Martyn Crook.

In the 75th minute Brisbane's superiority up front paid off.

Hard working midfielder Bobby Ferris was up in attack and only yards from goal when he gathered a loose ball, snapped up the chance and steered it well wide of Crook into the net.

This was Brisbane's vital match-winning break despite West Adelaide's goal in the 82nd minute.

It was deserved, as Peter Kowalski's cross was finely judged for Topaz to head into the back of the net.

Brisbane then showed why they have enjoyed such a good season with a quick period of retaliatory pressure, two quick corners and a dazzling break that saw nippy teenager Craig Low racing through when Ian MacKie in pursuit.

McKie clearly impeded Low by shirt-pulling and referee Chris Brumbridge rightly awarded a penalty.

John Williamson took it and although Martyn Crook got his hands to it he couldn't hold the shot.

## Aussie soccer ship sinking

TOM ANDERSON



The 1981 Australian soccer season has been the biggest disaster since the sinking of the Titanic.

Fair dinkum, if ever there was a tale of woe it is that of the season just past.

All that is bad in soccer in this country surfaced and ran rife and at the present time, credibility is something soccer is devoid of.

Once again the administrators of the game must be prepared to shoulder the blame for the debacle.

Leadership and example must come from the top and this certainly was not forthcoming.

Politics ran rife and made soccer the laughing stock of all the winter codes.

No real firm decisions were made by our administrators.

Every decision that was made was one of compromise - a terrible way to run a sport.

Let's squirm in our seats together I recall the disasters of 1981.

First we had all the repercussions of a disastrous world tour by the Socceroos.

Personalities, politics and player power surfaced and this set the scene for the year ahead.

Then we had the disastrous failure of the Socceroos in the world cup.

Rudi Gutendorf was sacked and the resultant turmoil was

a disgrace to the game of professional soccer.

Instead of the sacking - he was said to have resigned and we all know this was not so - being done in a professional manner, it was handled in a completely amateurish fashion.

One player power reared its ugly head and what was worse, the ASP consulted the players and listened to them before wielding the axe on Gutendorf.

After this it came to light that one of the national team players had been "playing silly mugs" and had tape recorded one of Gutendorf's team meetings.

If ever the credibility of Australia's soccer players hit the skids it was at this time.

Then we had the debacle of the Phillips Cup, when at times nobody, and by that I mean the team, the coaches, the spectators knew where some Phillips Cup games were on or where they were being played until 24 hours before the games.

The Phillips League administrators must take full responsibility for poor administration as far as the Phillips Cup is concerned.

This of course ended with the ridiculous decision to stage the Phillips Cup Final between West Adelaide and Brisbane Lions in Canberra.

This only drew 6,000 spectators and if ever there was an expert way of how to lose money without really trying this was it.

Put on top of all this the

power of a marketing com-

pany which seems to be calling all the shots in the game and you have the sordid tale.

The marketing company's nickname game and new logos were failures and its recommendation to introduce summer soccer tore the heart out of the game and divided soccer Australia.

We now are on the threshold of the World Youth Championships which we all hope will go off without a hitch.

Whether this will be so, time will tell.

If the WYC fails, with soccer's record this season, who could have expected anything else?

If they are a success then our administrators will most probably pat themselves on the back and tell each other what great fellows they are and as usual the marketing failings of 1981 never happened.

Under the present set-up soccer in Australia is a joke.

And unfortunately it will continue to be a joke until a complete restructuring of the system is made.

This is the sad fact of the game in Australia today.

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Many of these players, including those representing Australia will become well known names as the massive media campaign gets underway.

Coca Cola will be bomb-

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arding Australia with 50,000 posters and 205 huge road signs while the ASFA will hit the news media, mainly with television commercials and newspaper advertisements, to put the championships and the players before every family in the nation.

The ASFA hopes to recoup some of its outgoing \$1.2 million through the gates at the various venues in our capital cities.

For example the England versus Australia clash and the England versus Argentina clash, both in Sydney, should be expected to draw crowds of at least 30,000.

With tickets ranging from \$4.15 per game this would produce gate takings of well over \$150,000.

Some of the games may approach \$300,000 especially if Australia does well.

Some 450 media men will send stories back to the five continents of the world, while at the same time there will be a world television audience in excess of one billion people.

That awesome statistic is enough to jar the nerves of any experienced professional, so it obviously will have its effect on the teenage players displaying their talents and frailties to the critical eyes of the world.

FIFA is here in strength with 45 of its top people in attendance.

The England party also has indicated how prestigious it considers the event.

In its party of 12 officials are the secretary of the English F.A., Mr Ted Croker and the chairman, Mr Millichip, the big two of England's soccer administration.

For reasons of security all of the players and officials from countries as far afield as Italy and Korea, Romania and Brazil, will meet in Amsterdam where they will board a special jumbo jet which will transport them direct to Australia.

Security obviously will be a giant headache also for Commonwealth and local police, especially Canberra where the heads of government from the Commonwealth of nations will be meeting at the start of the championships.

With major sporting events a favourite target for minority groups seeking political attention, we hope that Australia's isolation from the mainstream of world events will once more protect us from acts of political violence.

Poland's participation in the finals obviously will be a focal point for those with anti-Russian feelings.

We hope that the young players will prove themselves filled with the exuberance of youth and great attacking skills, played in the true spirit of sport without the field or off the field violence which mars so much of our daily life today.

# Pates, Kite quit England

From JIM SHRIMPTON

Division Club, is one of the more experienced of the squad.

The earlier dropouts, Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Phil Kite and Bolton Wanderers defender Mike Bell, were replaced by Geoff Hinchliffe of Sheffield United and Andy Gosney of Portsmouth.

He adds notwithstanding, Cartwright maintains optimistic that England will do well.

"We've had a lot of clubs dropping players or hold players back, but we're pretty strong on the ground at youth level, and I think we can make up the difference," he said in an interview.

"You can understand the clubs' attitude. This is a difficult period of the year for them, at the start of the season, and they are anxious to do well. Some of these young players are essential for them to start well."

Cartwright said the Football Association himself and the players were all taking the Australian venture — their first in the three World Cups so far — very seriously.

Cartwright said the strongest teams in Australia probably would be the South Americans, and European teams such as West Germany and Poland.

"We've had one or two little complimentary messages filtering in about the Australians," he added.

While declining direct comment on the England senior team's recent poor form — it is now most unlikely to make next year's World Cup following a humiliating 2-1 defeat by Norway — Cartwright said: "We know we have to make up ground in world soccer."

"The only way to do this is with our young players, and we are concentrating on this by using the European and World Youth teams to develop them."

"We will try to build a better base than ever before, and hopefully these players over the next five or ten years will bring us back to the forefront of the world game." The England youths, under skipper Paul Allen of West Ham United, spent several days practising at the Lilleham training camp in the Midlands last week.

They will gather in London after their club appearances next Saturday, have light training on Sunday, then fly to Amsterdam next day.

There they will join the youth cup players from 13 other nations all aboard a KLM jumbo jet for the flight to Melbourne and Sydney, arriving on the Wednesday.

Cartwright said his young charges had soccer too much on their minds to be tempted by the fleshpots of Sydney.

Cartwright is a former West Ham United and Crystal Palace player who became youth team national coach on a three-year contract in 1979.

# Watch 'Il Nano!'

Italy's biggest star in the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup is known to his fans as Il Nano — the midget.

He's 18-year-old Giuseppe Galderisi, a tiny, but well-muscled striker with Juventus, the legendary Italian champion from Turin.

And he's among the favorites to skipper Italy's challenge for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Leading Italian clubs have a habit of farming out their most promising kids to develop with Second Division sides. It gives them league experience.

But not Giuseppe. He's already so good and too valuable for Juventus to let him out of their sight.

Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni said: "No young player in the whole Italian football has the qualities of this lad."

"He plays with a touch of fantasy. He's agile and powerful at the same time and his shooting is equally good with both feet."

"Giuseppe may be small, but the strength in his legs makes him an excellent header of the ball."

That's some build-up for Galderisi, born in the coastal town of Vietri, some 50 miles from Naples.

But it gets the full backing of Liam Brady, the ex-Arsenal star who went to seek his fortune with Juventus last season.

Brady, the Republic of Ireland midfield international, said: "The kid is ready for our first team now. He's remarkable for an 18-year-old and the fans love him."

"Our first team is packed with full internationals and he trains with us. He'll be a big name in the game very soon."

Galderisi, an exciting close dribbler of the ball, was a handful even for international defenders like Cabrini, Furino, Scirea and Zoff during Juventus' annual warm-up match against the junior players last month.

He's been with Juventus since the summer of 1977 when Naples, Inter Milan, Varese and Atalanta were all battling for his signature.

Summer, the New Zealand international captain, has come to the end of his contract with Newcastle, as has Niven with Brisbane Lions.

If Niven plays left back for Australia this year, Alan Davidson would move to midfield. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Gelderisi's size, strength and control have attracted inevitable cries of the "Young Italian Ma-

"In the meantime, I'm excited about this trip. It will be an extraordinary experience in an interesting country.

"And I think that Italy will be in the form to be among the main contenders for the championship."

# Katholos for Germany

Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic leaves in mid-October for trials in Europe.

Katholos will try out with VfL Bochum and Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany, PAOK in Greece and perhaps Tommy Docherty's Preston North End in England.

Olympic goalkeeper Peter Wilson also will trial with Preston.

Meanwhile, Marconi's Eddie Kracevic is reported to have trials lined up with Cagliari in Italy and Dynamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

But Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas has had to call off his assault on the big time because of a leg injury.

He intends to strengthen the leg during the summer and perhaps try Europe at the end of 1982.

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ST. GEORGE 1 (Campbell) CROATIA 0, NSW State League Grand Final at Sydney Sportsground. Attendance: 15,481. Referee: Peter Ramplay. 9. Cautions: Croatia — Stevens, Hanman. St. George — Campbell, Rylands.

CROATIA: Watson 6, A. Kavacic 7, Pribanic 2, Kukic 2, Cukic 2, Tadic 2, Hanman 7, Stevens 8, M. Sivac 8, Bergon 4, H. Silva 2.

ST. GEORGE: Ferguson 2, S. Tandy 7, T. Tandy 5, Rylands 6, McDonald 6 (sub: Hadley 57), Davies 2, Stoen 2, Campbell 9, Griffith 6, Marion 6.

Second Grade: MANLY 2 (Stewart, Burrough) CROATIA 1 (Sullivan).

Third Grade: AUBURN 2 (Gates, Violi) SUTHERLAND 1 (Hargrave).

St. George became the 1981 Coca-Cola NSW State League Grand Final champion with an opportunistic goal by Ernie Campbell two minutes from the end of the game against Croatia.

Saints officials' immediate reaction after the game was that they will apply for entry into the national league next year.

"This is what the majority of our supporters want and this is what we are likely to apply for," was director Les Borodac's reaction.

Picioane to go home

Joe Picioane wants to come back to Melbourne.

"I thought it would turn out better in Sydney. I'm disappointed," he said this week.

"The players here at Marconi have been together a long time and they haven't really accepted me."

Picioane switched to Marconi from Footscray J.U.S.T. early this year for \$20,000.

The brilliant midfielder was hampered by injury and never had the chance to show Marconi what he could do.

Clubs interested in signing

Picioane should contact the Marconi club on (02) 604 5222 or Picioane himself on (02) 604 3207.

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# Historic win to Ajax, Sunshine is up in arms

AJAX 1 (Greechan) CROYDON 0. Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 2. MATCH RATING: 6. Referee: Fokianos 7.

away from Cannell and from a tight angle slammed a ball past the top corner yet Denys flung himself up and across to tip over.

Ajax was playing on the break now hoping to exploit Paul Lewis's speed. Lewis had replaced the injured Wall who had done a good job as given Gary Hanson problems whenever the former Frankston Pines striker had slipped across to Ajax's right.

But for all the hustle and bustle in and around the Ajax area Croydon didn't deserve to level.

When the final whistle blew Ajax had reached the last stage of the Dockerty Cup for the first time in its history.

SUNSHINE 1 (Murdinic) Altona 0. Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 2. MATCH RATING: 2. Referee: Venios 7.

SUNSHINE: Contini 7 — Olney 6, Scarfi 7, Ellis 7, Taylor 6 — Musson 6, Nelson 6, Laing 5 — Murdinic 6, Pete 6, Bain 7.

ALTONA: Monahil 7 — Thompson 7, K. Wilson 6, Kilpatrick 7, McKenna 6 — Jones 7, Whyte 5, Innes 6 — Watters 7, Mercer 6 (Cooper 80th), Little 7.

This game burst into life in the 32nd minute when two parachutists were seen descending from the heavens to behind the trees lining the far Yarra river bank.

This was the sort of spectacle which makes your bum sore and your mind wander. Or should that be the other way around?

Another action packed moment occurred in the 67th minute when referee Evan Venios stopped the match, walked behind the Altona goal and ordered off the Ajax players warming up for the second semi-final.

In between times the players of both sides conspired to hatch the most devilish plot on about 500 people vanishing in the sun around the ground.

The plot was simple. Kick the ball as soon as it comes to you and do your best to kick it in the right direction.

It didn't take long for the ball to resemble the biggest grenade in the world. No-one was game to hold it for too long and in keeping with the maxim that it's better to be safe than sorry the ball was whipped about by the burly surface at breakneck speed.

Yet there's no way that this encounter was the worst game I've ever seen. I particularly remember an under-12 game I saw in 1967 between Moorabbin and Sandringham and there was an Industrial League game, in about 1974 I think, between Patons Brakes and Cartro. I was playing left back (obviously before my obese days) and with minutes to go the ball was played down Cartro's right to its winger. I think what I'm calling Jockeville was driving him on. Nevertheless the winger heard a call and squared the ball about 10 metres to the edge of the Patons Brakes' area. I won't say what I said when I turned my head around and watched the Cartro keeper thunder a first time drive into the top near corner of goal to make the score! Cartro 10 Patons Brakes 0.

Box Hill's best chance fell to Ian Loughnane in the 78th minute when the ball was curled into the Ajax area from the right. Wade missed with his attempt to head on at the near post but the ball fell to Loughnane about three metres out. As Denys advanced Loughnane prepared to tap the ball past him. In jumped Cannell to whip the ball almost off Loughnane's boot.

Three minutes earlier Ian Loughnane got about a metre

away from Cannell and from a tight angle slammed a ball past the top corner yet Denys flung himself up and across to tip over.

Norie Pate was back from injury to lead the Shiners' strike force but he didn't appear to be fully match fit.

Nate Little worked hard for Altona up front. It's a pity some of his team mates didn't put as much into their game.

Sunshine lodged an official letter of protest with the VSF after the match. The letter complained about the condition of the No. 2 pitch, the lack of security in the dressing rooms which culminated in money and clothes being stolen, and the Ajax players who warmed up behind one of the goals in the second half.

The Shiners also called for a change of venue for Sunday's cup final but it looks like Olympic Park No. 2 still is the venue.



The ball eludes Altona goalkeeper Rathman Memishi, as Kevin Wilson, Kevin Innes and Brian Kilpatrick look on nervously. No goal resulted however. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## ILIOSKI PENALTY HITS POST

Makedonia 2  
J.U.S.T. 2

Scorers: Ilioski, Kojic (JUST), Brown, Ollerton (Makedonia).

Venue: Connor Reserve, Reservoir. Crowd: 1800.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 6 (Ciric 6, half time) — Popovic 6, Kandemir 8, Kyriakoulessis 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time), Hazabent 7 — Kakanonis 6 (Varvelis 5, half time), Ilioski 6m Jovanovic 7, Milne 7 — Kojic 6, Cozzelis 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Clayton 8 — Rainey 6, Flavell 6, Popovski 6, St. Albans 6, Boyle 7, Ollerton 7, Farrell 7 (Magrino 80th) — Cullen 7, Whittle 6, Brown 6.

The outcome of the two-match challenge between J.U.S.T. and Makedonia will

be decided in their second game, at Schintler Reserve in Footscray on Saturday.

The match was to have been played on Sunday, but has been rescheduled so it does not clash with the Dockerty Cup final.

In the curtain-raiser, at 1pm, J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team will meet Bratsville.

J.U.S.T. is unlucky not to be one up after last Sunday's game, as captain Zoran Ilioski hit the post with a last-minute penalty.

But coach Cedo Cirkovic was pleased with the display of forward Milan Kojic, who together with defender Slobodan Popovic, was playing his first game for J.U.S.T.

They were brought from Yugoslavia by J.U.S.T. and farmed out to State League club Northcote City until next season, when they will revert to J.U.S.T.

## Box Hill—Polonia final

BOX HILL 4 (Verechia, Patterson, Taylor, McLeod) ST. ALBANS 1 Pavlekovic

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roobhouse, Krasen, Rae, Singleton, Tolmie, Valentine, St. Albans: Bryden, Abela, Lombardi, McIntyre, Nikolic, Nobilo, Gaucl, Matosevac, Jurasic (Avdin 20th), Basar (Pavlekovic 80th) Bouzou.

Box Hill put paid to plucky Third Division St Albans' aspirations of making the final of the 1981 Metro League Cup with a convincing 4-1 victory.

St. Albans keeper Wally Bryden, well supported by defenders McIntyre and Nikolic, held the Hillmen at bay in the first half.

Just after the interval Valentine and Tolmie took a short corner on the right and switched play to Scott Patterson who squared for Verechia and Bryden was given no chance with a fine snapshot.

St. Albans hit back but couldn't break through. Box

Claude Lucchesi was out of the Makedonia team due to injury, and Zdravko Lujic was missing from the J.U.S.T. side for the same reason.

Makedonia was going to try out South African Richard Miranda but he had glandular fever during the week and was not up to playing.

J.U.S.T. made three half-time changes, replacing Dennis Boland, Kyri Kyri-

kouleas and Steve Kakantonis with Milutin Ciric, Jim O'Reilly and John Verweij, but continued to create the better scoring chances.

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Zoran Ilioski equalised with a 20-metre free kick through Makedonia's defensive wall,

and Kojic put J.U.S.T. 2-1 ahead after half time, beating defenders on the run after a pass from Ilioski.

However, with about 10 minutes to go, Peter Ollerton rose high to equalise with a brilliant header.

J.U.S.T. was awarded its points after Jim Milne had been brought down from behind in the area. Ilioski's shot hit the post. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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## JUNIOR CUP FINALS

The finals of the 1981 JLJC Cup will be held at Dendy Park, Brighton on Saturday and Sunday.

The under-12 final kicks off at 1pm and the under-16 final at 3pm.

The under-13 final kicks off at 11am on Sunday followed by the under-14 final at 1pm and the under-15 final at 3.30pm.

Coca Cola will hold a penalty taking competition over the two days of finals. Winners will receive passes to next month's World Cup Cup.

Two ladies' teams will play before the start of Sunday's under-16 final and kite flying demonstrations will be held on both days from 11am to 2pm.



Ajax forward Bill Morrey chests the ball down in front of Croydon opponent Mark Brown.

# Ossie Latif wins Metro award

Kellor Austria's 17-year-old striker Ossie Latif has been voted best and fairest player in the Victorian Metropolitan League.

Latif had a sensational season and finished as Austria's top scorer. His brothers Tony and Sammy Latif also play at Austria.

However, it is rumored that Polonia will try to sign Latif for its return to the State League next season.

Latif won the Metro First Division award on a countback from Alex Straubinger of Richmond.

## METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

### DIVISION I

KEILOR, O. Latif.....	20
Winner on countback.....	
RICHMOND, A. Straubinger.....	20
FOOTSCRAY, T. Vukovic.....	11
MARIBYRNONG, P. Czapnic.....	16
ALTONA GATE, M. Micevski.....	16

Winner on countback

MARIBYRNONG, B. Lalic.....	15
WESTERN SUBURBS, M. Karapatos.....	15
BOX HILL, M. Valentine.....	13
BOX HILL, B. Rae.....	13
BOX HILL, D. Brownlie.....	12
KEW PARK RANGERS, T. Spalding.....	12
KEW PARK RANGERS, A. Savage.....	12
WESTERN SUBURBS, I. McCarthy.....	12
ALBION ROVERS, M. D'Sylva.....	11

### DIVISION II

DANDENONG CITY, C. Murphy.....	22
MELBOURNE, D. Ward.....	19
FOOTSCRAY, J. Acselski.....	16
PRESTON, B. Coyle.....	16
FOOTSCRAY, C. Sabidussi.....	16
ARDEER, G. Darch.....	15
MELBOURNE, P. Drinoczyk.....	13
FAWKNER, T. Schipano.....	13
ARDEER, J. Dykin.....	12
DONCASTER ROVERS, K. Hale.....	12
SPRINGVALE ROVERS, P. Clarke.....	12
FAWKNER, B. Sabidussi.....	11
MELBOURNE, C. Berbia.....	11
FOOTSCRAY, T. Vukovic.....	11
YALLOURN, S. Pavlovic.....	25

PORT MELBOURNE, J. Kostopoulos.....	22
HEIDELBERG, K. Coyle.....	21
ST. ALBANS, W. McIntyre.....	18
WERRIBEE, K. Crozier.....	18
BROADMEADOWS CITY, C. Presliski.....	17
BELL PARK, M. Banagan.....	15
COURBON, J. K. McRae.....	15
WARRADALE MEADOWS CITY, J. Vizzini.....	15
CORIO, N. Carnichak.....	14
ELTHAM, P. Cirra.....	13
BELL PARK, R. Pocock.....	13
RINGWOOD UNITED, J. Mills.....	12
PORT MELBOURNE, H. Petkas.....	11

### DIVISION IV

ROYAL PARK Y. Behich.....	28
BRIGHTON C. Michopoulos.....	27
CHELSEA C. Miller.....	22
FERNTRIE GULLY R. Brott.....	19
MORNINGTON M. Jones.....	18
SUNBURY UNITED G. Train.....	17
KEYSBOROUGH J. Andrades.....	16
NUNAWADING CITY C. Middlemiss.....	15
MONASH UNIVERSITY C. Mullet.....	13
NUNAWADING CITY K. Middlemiss.....	13
NORTH DANDENONG A. Fox.....	12

MONASH UNIVERSITY P. Walker.....	12
KEYSBOROUGH J. Durand.....	11
SUNBURY UNITED J. Campbell.....	11
SUNBURY UNITED H. Stewart.....	11
SANDRINGHAM A. Dillon.....	10

### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

ESSENDON CITY, G. Makousis.....	21
THOMASTOWN, H. Papadopoulos.....	20
SOUTH OAKLEIGH, T. Kontokostas.....	18
ROSEBUD, J. Smart.....	16
ESSENDON CITY, H. Diliza.....	14
GREENSBOROUGH, R. Bateman.....	14
HOOTHAM, J. Phillips, R. Lopez.....	14
GEOELONG, K. Prior.....	13
CAULFIELD CITY, J. Giannas.....	12
GEELONG, D. Tuck.....	12
MOOROOLBARK, F. Dallas.....	12
GREENSBOROUGH, R. Lamb.....	12
CAULFIELD CITY, B. Gatzanis.....	11
THOMASTOWN, C. Karamitoulis.....	11

HAWTHORN, J. Szabo.....	18
KARINGAL UNITED, A. Parrott.....	18
LALOR UNITED, K. Veljanovski.....	17
SHEPPARTON CITY, S. Jordan.....	17
NUNAWADING UNITED, D. English.....	15
NUNAWADING UNITED, D. Milosevic.....	14
HAWTHORN CITIZENS, B. Lazopoulos.....	13
KARINGAL UNITED, R. Brooks.....	12
LALOR UNITED, I. Illevski.....	11
SOUTH YARRA, K. Parker.....	11

\* Graser winner on countback.

# SCORERS AND STARS OF '81



Marshall Soper  
(APIA)



Steve Wooddin  
(South Melbourne Hellas)



Clive Campbell  
(Woolongong)



Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Johan Verweij (right) outjumps Canberra defender Mark O'Shea in a heading duel.

Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide)

**Champion Sydney City Hakoah polled most votes in the "Soccer Action"-Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.**

And last year's champion, Marconi, polled the least!

Votes were cast on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for each match.

Total votes of each club:

365 Syd. City Hakoah  
364 Brisbane Lions

350 Wollongong

339 Brisbane City

337 APIA-Leichhardt

334 St Melb Hellas

Canberra City

326 Adel. C. Juventus

318 Footscray H.A.C.U.T.

309 Newcastle KB Utd

302 Syd. Olympic

293 Preston Makedonia

286 R'berg-Alexander

282 Blacktown City

235 West Adel. Hellas

234 Marconi-Datsun

Leading individual vote-getters were:

82 Hermiston (BL)

72 Mitchell (AC)

77 Wilson (APIA)

72 Zendoom (H'berg) T.

68 Crook (Can)

66 Cook (WA)

67 Bennett (BL), Woodhouse (APIA)

64 Dunleavy (Woll)

61 Boland (Fooths)

60 Evans (St Melb)

59 Burrows (Black)

58 Senkalski (Newc) Watson (SC)

55 O'Connor (APIA)

53 Brown (Mak)

52 Perin (AC), McMillan (H'berg), Souness (SC), Kosmina (SC), Katholos (SO), Bertogna (Woll)

51 Brennan (Can)

Top scorers were:

16 Cole (H'berg)

14 Evans (St Melb)

13 Souness (SC), Soper (APIA)

12 Boden (SC), P. Wilkinson (Black)

11 Kosmina (SC), Barnes (SC), Kousmas (SO)

10 Ellerton (Mak)

9 Valeri (Can), Mitchell (SC), J. Nyskohus (SC), Williamson (BL)

8 Paton (H'berg), Hamilton (BC), Lucchesi (Mak), Gibson (Can)

7 Christopoulos (St Melb)

O'Connor (APIA), Brown (Mak), Mountford (Newc), Cozzella (Fooths), McBreen (Woll)

All JAT Award voting and goalscorers:

## ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

78 Mitchell

52 Perin

44 B. Nyskohus

42 Russell

29 Jones

19 Northcote

17 Melta

13 J. Nyskohus

12 Villani

10 Marocchi

5 Marshall, Dods.

Goals:  
9 Mitchell, J. Nyskohus  
6 Northcote  
5 Melta  
4 Russell  
3 Villani, Jones, Marocchi  
2 Fashanu  
1 B. Nyskohus, Perin

## APIA-LEICHHARDT

77 Wilson  
67 Woodhouse  
55 O'Connor  
33 Kafka  
23 Soper  
22 Butler  
15 Giampaolo  
10 Pullen, Bradley, Morsello  
6 Hughes  
5 McAusland  
3 Carter  
1 Parkes  
Goals:  
13 Soper  
7 O'Connor  
4 Giampaolo  
3 Hughes, Kafka, Morsello, Bradley  
2 Butler  
1 Pirie, Wilson

## BLACKTOWN CITY

59 Burrows  
47 James  
29 Djordjevic  
24 Selvage  
21 Rasmussen  
20 O'Donnell  
14 Wheatley, Milovanovic  
12 Pointer  
10 Krstic  
8 Culina  
7 Jones  
6 Cuk  
5 Hormazabal  
3 Pollard  
2 Wallace  
1 Turner

Goals:  
4 Burrows, O'Donnell, Jones, Djordjevic  
3 Cuk  
2 Culina, Krstic, Wallace, Turner  
1 Hormazabal, Selvage, Pointer, Rasmussen

## BRISBANE CITY

42 Gaffney  
38 Coe  
35 Dunne  
33 Pimbblett, Ratcliffe  
28 P. Wilkinson  
24 W. Wilkinson  
21 Hamilton  
20 Wishart  
18 Kelso  
16 Caldwell  
14 Perry, Conner  
2 Vincenzino  
1 McVeigh

Goals:  
12 P. Wilkinson  
8 Hamilton  
4 Kelso  
3 Gaffney  
2 Caldwell, Palinkas  
1 Conner, Ratcliffe, Vincenzino,  
o.g. Jones (Adel C)

## BRISBANE LIONS

82 Hermiston  
67 Bennett  
42 Ontong  
26 Williamson  
23 Niven  
17 McLean, Low  
15 Millman  
13 Lownds  
12 Ferris  
11 Hogg  
9 Wilson

Goals:  
9 Valeri  
8 Gibson  
5 Brennan

4 McLaren, Purdie  
3 R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea

2 Byrne  
1 Farrell, Cole  
o.g. Mullen (Syd C)

8 Daunt  
6 Bryce  
5 McNaughton, Burns  
3 Scanlan, Latchford  
2 Hogg, Daunt, Bryce

Goals:  
9 Williamson  
5 Millman, Bennett  
4 Latchford, Ferris, Low  
3 Hermiston  
2 Hogg, Daunt, Bryce

1 McNaughton

Goals:  
7 Cozzella  
6 Iloski  
5 Verweij

3 Belic, Lujic, Kondarios  
1 Vasic, Milne, Jovanovic

1 Kakanonis, Boland

Goals:  
7 Byrne  
5 Brennan

4 McLaren, Purdie  
3 R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea

2 Byrne  
1 Farrell, Cole  
o.g. Mullen (Syd C)

Goals:  
16 Cole  
8 Paton  
6 Campbell

3 Yendoorn, Bozikas  
2 Yankos, McGroarty

1 Rooney, Selemidis, Tasevski, Tansey, Monagle

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# TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is "Soccer Action's" 1981 Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position, with votes gained, also are shown.



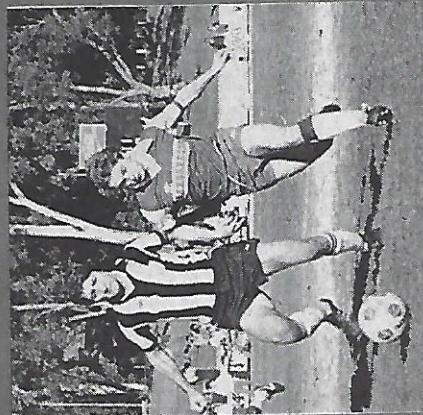
Last year's team of the year:

Martyn CROOK (West Adel. Hellas)	Jim HERMISTON (Brisb. Lions)	Mike MILOVANOVIC (Canberra)	Jim TANSEY (Heidelberg)
Vince BANNON (SM-Hellas)	Duncan COLE (Canberra)	Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Murray BARNES (Syd. C. Hakoah)
Joe WATSON (Syd. C. Hakoah)	Ken BODEN (Syd. C. Hakoah)	Ken BODEN (Syd. C. Hakoah)	George CAMPBELL (SM-Hellas)

1979 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — Perry (Br.C), Prikalo (Marc), Potter (Br.C), Curran (Newc) — Campbell (H'berg), Rooney (H'berg), Jankovics (Marc) — Boden (Newc). Buljevic (H'berg), Lujic (JUST).

1978 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — B. Nyskohus (Ad.C), Perry (Br.C), Kambas (W.Ad.), Dagnay (Marc) — Boyle (W.Ad.), McGachey (W.Ad.), Vieri (Marc) — Sharne (Marc), Boden (Newc), Lujic (JUST).

1977 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — Pye (SM-Hellas), Hermiston (Br.C), Wilson (West Subs), Raynolds (W.Ad) — Richards (Marc), Barnes (Syd. C), Rooney (Marc) — Watson (Syd. C), Smith (Syd. C), Buijevic (H'berg).



44 Bugsy  
NYSKOHUS  
(Adel. City Juve)



77 Peter  
WILSON  
(APIA)



82 Jim  
HERMISTON  
(Brisb. Lions)



52 Arthur  
McMILLAN  
(Heidelberg)

42 Bobby Russell (Ad.C)

42 Paul O'Connor (Br.L)



26 Jeff Ainsworth (Woll)



67 Col Bennett (Br.L)

72 Terry Byrne (Canberra)



52 Peter  
**KATHOLOS**  
(Syd. Olympic)  
42 Peter Tredinnick (Woll)  
41 Branko Buljevic (SM-Hellas)

52 Ian  
**SOUNESS**  
(Syd. City Hakoah)  
42 Gary Byrne (Marconi)  
40 Slobodan Jovanovic (JUST)



58 Joe  
**SENKALSKI**  
(Newcastle KB)  
42 Larry Gaffney (Br.C)  
34 Duncan Cole (Can)

58 Joe  
**WATSON**  
(Syd. City Hakoah)  
55 Phil O Connor (APIA)  
52 Tony Brennan (Can)



78 David  
**MITCHELL**  
(Adel. C. Juventus)  
53 Doug Brown (Black)  
52 John Kosmina (SC-Hak)

60 Alun  
**EVANS**  
(SM-Hellas)  
59 Paul Burrows (Black)  
52 John Kosmina (SC-Hak)



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# THOMASTOWN

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The Thomastown squad that won the coveted Coppa Italia in 1980. Back Row: Livio Scenna (treasurer), Marcello D'Amico (Sporting Director), Sandro Scartozzi (sponsor), Giuseppe Lia, Frank Dallas, Gary Brooks, Mauro Borin, Philip Taverna, Mauro Raponi, Bill Traikopoulos, Chris Karamitanis (captain), Angelo Zuanetti, Peter Kandi, Peter Balassone (coach), Peter Arcorace (masseur). Front Row: Gildo Di Paolo (vice president), Martin Cometti (secretary), Vince Tavolaro, Angelo Gasparini, Harry Papadopoulos, Charlie Rizzo, Gerry Vangeli, Maurizio Comar, Seb. Magnano, Eddie Heable, Nick Iacobucci (president).



AC Milan, the club on which Thomastown has modelled itself, boasted one of the world's greatest teams in 1969. Pictured above it was, standing from left: Prati, Rivera, Malatrasi, Rosato, Maledra, Schnellinger, Cudicini. Front: Sormani, Hamrin, Anquiletti and Lodetti.

the end of the season Thomastown finished third for the second year running.

In the Italia Cup the young red devils surprised all good judges by beating Fawkner in the semi final 2-1 only to lose 3-0 to the powerful Juventus side in the final.

The better players of this period were: Amuso, Spadaro, G. Vangeli, P. Vangeli, N. Kandi, H. Provostos, H. Papadopoulos, C. Karamitanis, J. Rossato, G. Guglielmi, J. Lia, R. Mizzi, C. Rizzo, J. Carnovale, A. Zuanetti, R. Zuanetti, M. Cainazzo, C. Agarata, J. Gralata.

After having missed promotion by a whisker for the second time in a row the club decided that it was time to take stock and start a long range campaign in its pursuit toward higher divisions.

Martino Dean Marin Cometti was nominated secretary and he has proved a most valuable and astute administrator. Claudio Kraljevic was reappointed coach and from February came sporting director Marcello D'Amico who with Tony Cannig had led the Jukes Road club to its first premiership.

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John J. Rizzo and Ray Mizzi decided to try their luck at George Cross but the club signed the following new players:

ed Nunawading United, Nunawading City, Fawkner (twice) and Regent. D'Amico and Balassone had been together for short spells at Regent where they had formed a strong partnership and had taken this club to the Provisional League and semi-finals of the Coppa Italia.

In the search for success the club decided to sign young players who could give the club many years of service and who would follow instructions to the letter. From Fawkner came Frank Dallas, from Western Suburbs Eddie Heable, from George Cross Charlie Rizzo and from Juventus four juniors who had won the under-19 premiership. These promising players were: Mauro Raponi (goalkeeper), Angelo Gasparini (midfield), Mauro Borin (defender) and Gary Brooks (forward).

1980 began in a blaze of glory and Thomastown surprised everyone by winning the Peninsula Cup against Frankston City, Doveton and Rosebud.

The players were working very hard during training sessions and Balassone and D'Amico always were bringing forward.

The first defeat of the season came against Sunbury in the quarter final of the Provisional League Cup when in the last minute of the game the old fox Ian Reid pushed Karanitis and the ball into the net and the rewards were awarded the goal.

The following week the premiership race started against Carlton and for the second game in a row Thomastown lost by the odd goal in three. This was the last official game that Thomastown lost until June 1981, a winning sequence of over forty games! At the end of the season the team had accumulated 36 points out of a possible 40 with 17 wins, two draws and one solitary defeat. The team scored 66 times and conceded only 13 goals.

The premiership race began with a seven points advantage over Carlton and 13 over Langwarrin. At last the club had gained promotion to the first division of the Provisional League. The reserves, coached by Joe Lia, also won the premiership and the final of the Provisional Reserve Cup against Langwarrin.

Before the Coppa Italia the club won 12 major trophies winning all competitions it had entered excluding the elusive Provisional Cup. But the biggest triumph had yet to come.

Balassone and D'Amico devised the hardest possible training sessions. Players had to endure tremendous pressure but no one complained, everyone knew that to win the Coppa Italia sacrifices had to be made. Thomastown had dominated the Provisional League but the experts were saying that the Coppa Italia belonged to the elite and TEL was excluded from the top seedings of the four groups.

Without raising a sweat the team disposed of Nunawading (6-2), Triestina (3-0) and Vermont (2-0) in the elimination rounds. In the first semi-final East Brunswick was accounted for by 3-1.

The final was to be played against Juventus who had defeated Fawkner 4-3 in a titanic struggle. Thomastown fielded its strongest team including Incantalo, Smith, Heery, Green, McGuinness, Tarquinio and so on. Against this array of players Balassone and D'Amico sent out a team of

for 60 minutes the two teams were deadlocked in a 0-0 draw even though Thomastown had the better of general play. Suddenly Smith Reserve exploded when 16 years old Seb Magnano scored for Thomastown. Juventus, with its star was expected to come back and take over but TEL skipper Karanitis scored the second goal with a great header.

With three minutes to go McGuinness reduced the deficit but immediately Magnano beat Fantoma after disposing of four defenders.

The Coppa Italia had been won, the impossible had been achieved, at last Thomastown had proved that it was a great side. The winning team was: Raponi, Traikopoulos, Borin, Karamitanis, Rizzo, Dallas, Comer, Heable, Brooks, Magnano, Tavolaro. Other players used were: Taverna, Kandi, Gerry Vangeli (came on in the final), Papadopoulos (best and fairest who was away on honeymoon during the final), Lia, Gasparini and A. Zuanetti.

For the second time in five years two Thomastown players were the best and fairest and runner up trophies. They were Frank Dallas and Vince Tavolaro.

At the end of the season Marcello D'Amico left to coach Bulleen and Balassone was reappointed coach with Joe Lia still in charge of the reserves.

In 1981 the club strengthened its already strong first team squad by signing George Kreskas from Ringwood City and Tony Cosentino from Regent, one of the best defenders in Victoria and easily up to State League standard.

This time Thomastown started favourites and after some strong opposition from Mooroolbark and South Oakleigh, Balassone led Thomastown to the premiership for the second year running. Lia did the same with the reserves. The first team finished with 35 points with 15 wins, 3 draws and 7 goals conceded. The reserves were the top scorers with 19 and Raponi conceded only 14 goals taking the total to 27 goals against in two seasons.

This year the club is organising the Coppa Italia and is very anxious to do very well both on and off the field. Knowing the ability of Nick Iacobucci and his men Thomastown will put on a great tournament and the soccer team should give a good account of itself.

Now the club is looking forward to 1982 and the years after. Balassone should still be in charge of the first team, depending on business pressure, but knowing the convincing ability of Iacobucci, Cometti and Di Paolo, the popular coach will be at Partridge Reserve for a long time to come.

Some players will stay, some may go because in sport to be successful new blood must be infused in the team otherwise it will go stale. Players of the calibre of Philip Paglisi of Northcote could fit the bill without any problems. For this reason any player who wishes to join Thomastown is welcome to contact the club.

The success of Thomastown during 1980 and 1981 must be attributed in part to a near perfect raid on the player market and we are confident that in 1982 Balassone will have at his disposal a nucleus of players capable of continuing the victorious march towards State League.

The committee and friends, like Herman Bertolissi, will furnish the necessary funds to buy players required. But it is never gone beyond its financial means.

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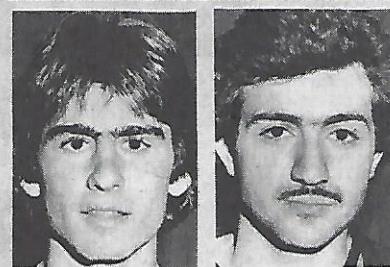
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Marcello D'Amico (right, sporting director in 1979, 1980) and Peter Baiazzone (left, coach 1980, 1981) guided the club to its greatest year in 1980. Could they be altogether again with the Red Devils in 1982?

## Thomastown



Nino De Marino. Mid-fielder. Date of Birth 16.7.64. (From junior ranks).  
Eddie Heable. Forward. Date of Birth 22.5.56. (From Western Suburbs 1980).  
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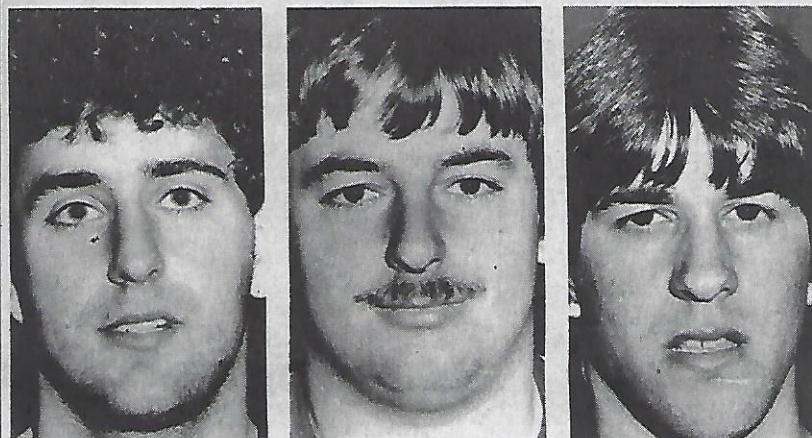
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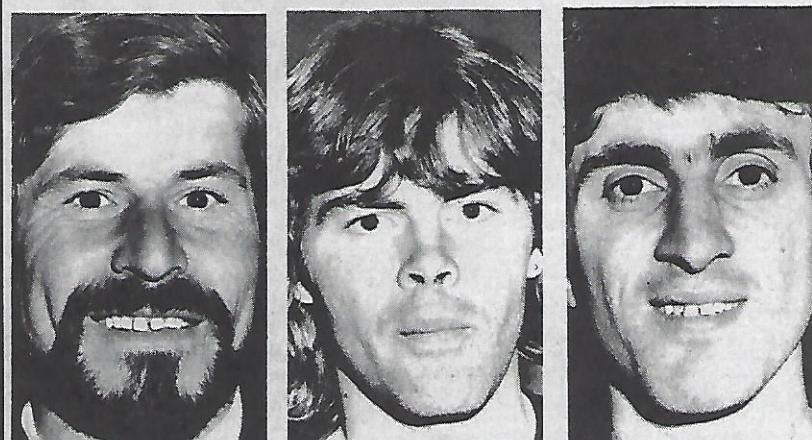
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Giuseppe Lia. Midfielder. Date of Birth (From Central Brunswick 1978).  
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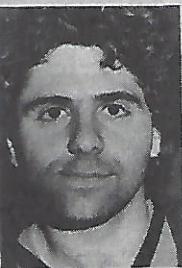
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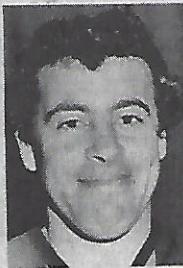
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## Spotlight on the Red Devils



Harry Papadopoulos.  
Midfielder. Date of Birth  
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bourne 1978).



Charlie Rizzo. Defender.  
Date of Birth 31.8.49.  
(From George Cross  
1980).



Some members of the 1981 committee. Standing, from left: A. Fragale, S. Cataldo, P. Pacca, G. Nicolazzo. Sitting, from left: G. De Paolo (vice president), Nick Iacobucci (president), M. Cometti (secretary), G. Listro (junior secretary).

## Meet the leaders

Thomastown (T.E.L.)  
Soccer Club 1981 Com-  
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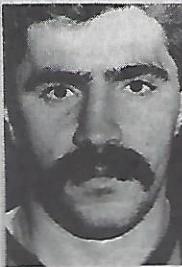
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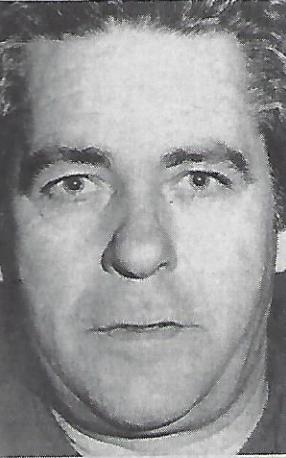
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Marcello D'Amico (Press  
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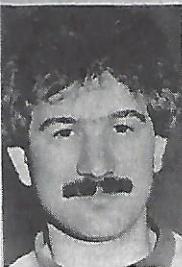
Vince Tavolaro.  
Forward. Date of Birth  
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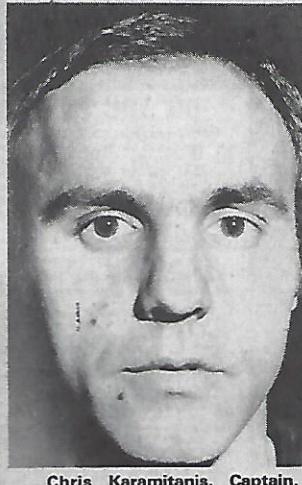
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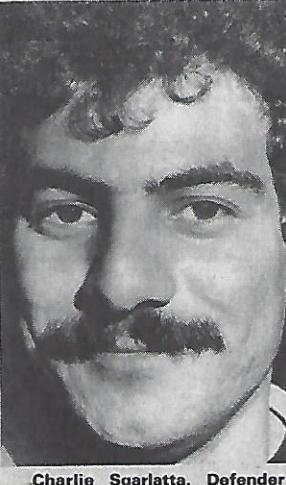
Nick Iacobucci. Club Presi-  
dent since 1975.



Philip Taverna.  
Goalkeeper. Date of Birth  
27.4.50. (From Regent  
1979).



Chris Karamitanis. Captain.  
Sweeper. Date of Birth  
4.4.1954. (From Western  
Suburbs 1977).



Charlie Sgarlatta. Defender  
(From Juventus Juniors 1973).



Gerry Vangeli. De-  
fender. Date of Birth  
5.1.54. (From George  
Cross Juniors 1974).

Absent: Bill Traikopoulos. De-  
fender. Date of Birth  
18.10.1955. (From Collingwood  
City 1979).

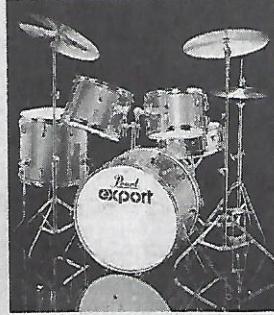
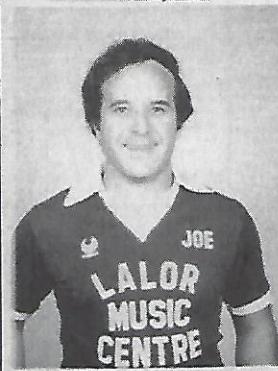
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**PRESTON MAKEDONIJA — FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2:2 (1:1)**  
Prošle nedelje, na igralistu Makedonija u Prestonu, pred 1500 gledaocima, na prekrasnom suncu danu bez vetrova, prva od dva utakmica za prestiz izmedju Makedonije i JUST-a završila se neresenim rezultatom od 2:2, prvo poluvreme 1:1.

Od pocetka do kraja igra je bila ziva i izuzbijiva, na momente i ostra, i nimalo se nije razlikovala od utakmice prošle sezone kada su igrali za bodove, koju su rezultati oducivili plasman na tablicu i prezentaciju Austrojed.

Sto je Makedonija na ovu utakmicu izvukla neresen rezultat može zahvaliti kako suve i litovali datom prvom golu-kad je Brown sa 20 metara Boland neobičnijivo upisao u svoj gol — tako josi vise JUST-ovim propustenim zlatnim sanama.

Takva prilika za gol bila je kad se Cozzelli potpuno sam i slobodan nasao na nekoliko metara pred nemocnim golmanom Makedonije Claytonom, pa umesto u mrežu, optu plasirao — citav metar pored gola, na zaprascenje svih.

Nekoliko minuta kasnije, Cirkovic je imao razloga da cupu kosu jos jedanput. Presvasti dva igrača, sada se Verjel nasao u istoj situaciji u kojoj je Cozzelli bio. No i on je, imitirajući Cozzelli do kraja, sutrao mekano, kao mace, i isto tolko, pored gola.

Kulinjanica promasjana sansi odigrala se tri minuta pred kraj utakmice. Cirkovic je, na sevremenu posebnu kroz ruku, učinio boljeg golmana i usmerio se na gol. Samo, ovom prilikom je otpozadi i bez pardona bio srušen. Sudija je, bez dvoumja, svirao i pokazao na belu takvu.

Ilovacki je pozitivno namestao loput, uzeo lep zaler, a onda jos lepe, kao iz topa pucao u samo domne leve stative. Od silnoga sutra, odbrila se i loput silovito u polje.

Cirkovic je ispuštojao jedan pramen kose, pa ako JUST-ovi igrači ovako nastave i iduce subote (kad se ne Footscray igra druga utakmica) obilicnice se oni sto se jedan navljevaju. Inace clinik, prorekao na pocetku ove sezone kad je rekao: "kad se sve bude završilo ove godine, trener JUST-a ce ne osedeti nego očevatil."

Makedonija je pokazala da ima dobre igrače, da umre da igra, i sto je nužnije, da se ovaj tim, bez obzira koliko je protivnik nadmoćan, nikad ne predaje. Iz obrane sa pravo i silovito prelazi u protivnapad, a na gol se puca iz svih pozicija i iz svih uglova.

Starci Isaac Oerton, lepot datim iz jednacucim golom po kazao je: "Jes jedanput da mi je JUST-ova reza na mijilja. Monoton i skoro bez izuzetka protur u nju po gol dva."

Iduce subote, 26 o.m., u revans utakmici kojoj ce oduciti podniku, oducili i koji klub nosi \$2,000-00, odnosno, ciji igrači, ce prestiz i svoje ubicanje premilu bonusom zasladi na Schinter Reservi ce se u predigri u 1 sat po podne, sastati JUST-ov tim iz Druge Divizije V.S.F. i tim Bratstva i Jedinstva iz Srinvala.

Nekoliko dana Bratstva i Jedinstva nacionjeni su da misle — a tako i stalno tvrde — da je njihov tim bolji od ovog JUST-ovog. To ce se znati iduce subote... Ali ne bi bilo zrog da na umu imaju onu tako dobro poznavanje.

"Tvrd je orah vocka cudnovata!"

"Ne smi ga, al' zube polomi..."

Pozmatrajući po prvi put Kojica i Popovica, koje je JUST dovez iz Jugoslavije pre dva meseca, a koji ce moci da igraju za JUST-a tek iduce sezone, nismo mogli da se ne obradujemo Kojicevom dolasku. Kakvi su pak prospekti Popovica, tesko je reci. Izgledao nam je spor i nesiguran. Kojic, na desnom krili, u svemu toliko je našlik na Lujica, da se moglo pomisliti da je Lujic promenio mesto, a ne da je osutan.

U novoj sredini svakom igraču treba vremena da se uigra, a dovjica novljija ne mogu biti, u tom pogledu, nikakav izuzevak.

## Rummenigge and Dalgleish score

Liverpool and Bayern Munich produced typically efficient, if unspectacular, displays in their European Cup first-round, first-leg soccer ties in Scandinavia.

Liverpool and Bayern, both three-time winners of the cup, scored 1-0 victories over un-rated opponents to leave themselves with the simplest of tasks in the second leg in two weeks' time.

Bayern beat Swedish champion Oesters Ytjo with a 73th minute penalty from European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, while Liverpool strode to a similar win over Finland's Oulu Palloseura. Kenny Dalglish noticing that the goal stood outside from the end of goal line.

Athletic celebrated their third-round, first-leg win against KB Copenhagen in Denmark, despite playing with just 10 men for 74 minutes after Padraig O'Connor was ordered off for flooring Stig Andersen.

Anderlecht underlined Belgium's emergence as a major power in the sport with a 4-1 win against Widzew Lodz in Poland.

DOVER EUROPEAN CUP: First round, first leg — Universitatea Craiova (Rum) 3, Olympiacos Piraeus (Gr) 0; Ballymena (N Ire) 0, Roma (It) 2; KSC Lokeren (Bel) 1, Aalesund Town (IRE) 1; Stari Kristiansand (Nor) 1, At 87 (Neth) 3; Progress Neidercorn (Lux) 1, Ghestorla (N Ire) 1; Casper (Nor) 0, Oulu Palloseura (Fin) 1; Liverpool (Eng) 1, Hibernians (Malta) 1; Red Star Belgrade (Serb) 2, Widzew Lodz (Pol) 1; Anderlecht (Bel) 4; Dynamo Kiev (URSS) 4, Fenerbahce (Turk) 0; Dynamo Berlin (E Ger) 3, Zurich (Switz) 0; Celtic (Scot) 1, Juventus (It) 0; Aston Villa (Eng) 5, Balon (Kee) 0; Austria Vienna (Austria) 3, Parma (Ita) 1; Tirana (Alb) 1, Desters Vaxjo (Pol) 0.

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## Junior Soccer Action

# Dunkerley's State side triumphant

**Tony Dunkerley's Victorian under-14's won the 1981 national championships winning seven games in as many days.**

This is the second consecutive year that Dunkerley's state side has been unbeaten in the national junior titles. He coached the under-13's last year and they were pipped on the championship post by goal difference.

This year Dunkerley took his side to Mt Isa Queensland. The youngsters flew out of wet and windy Melbourne to contest a week-long tournament held in searing heat with temperatures topping the 30° Celsius mark every day but the superb conditioning of the Vics and their high skill level paid dividends.

These factors never were more apparent than in Victoria's clash with Northern NSW. The northerners led 3-2 with 10 minutes to go before captain Victor Cristaldo levelled. Minutes remained when Cristaldo set up captain Chris Pasakos who clinched Victoria's remarkable comeback by scoring to make it 4-3.

The nucleus of Dunkerley's side was based upon last year's under-13's. He kept the boys together after the 1980 national titles in Newcastle, training them up until last Christmas. The squad got together again in April of this year after the regional trials and the boys trained with Dunkerley every Monday night and Saturday morning. Two intensive day long sessions were held at Middle Park in the last week of August before the squad left for the championships.

Dunkerley has a high opinion of his side.

"I think the nucleus of the side soon could perform well at Philips Youth League level and go on to become senior PSL players. The proviso is that these boys are properly handled over the next three years," he said.

"I'd like to see senior coaches at top clubs spend more time with boys in representative teams. These coaches must establish a scouting system and a professional youth development policy at their clubs."

"You know 15 of my under-14 side are Australian born boys and every boy in the Australian team squad has played junior representative soccer in this country."

"I'd like to see top clubs in Melbourne getting together and financing a team to play in the Philips Youth League. The coaching philosophy of top clubs should focus upon getting as many local lads as possible into their senior teams."

Results:

N.S.W. 2 v W.A. 0

A.C.T. 0 v Q.L.D. 4

VIC. 1 v S.A. 0

N.T. 1 v N.N.S.W. 4

Q.L.D. 0 v S.A. 1

W.A. 0 v VIC. 1

N.S.W. 2 v N.N.S.W. 0

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N.T. 1 v VIC. 3

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A.C.T. 0 v VIC. 2

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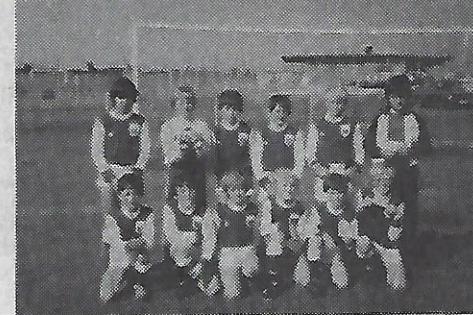
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MISSING IS CAPTAIN R. BUTTIGIED.

The boys have been coached for the last two years by Jimmy McEvoy.



\* The all conquering Victorian under-14's with their clubs from which they were selected. Back row, left to right: 7 Dunkerley (coach), Mark Alekovic (Albury), Greg Simons (sunshine City), Slobodan Bozinovski (Altona City), Vic Cristaldo (Kilor City), Ross Cozzetta (Meadow Park), Robert Markovic (Crostal), Paris Tzambasis (Albion Ro-

vers), Norm Cooper (team manager). Front row: Theo Miltou (Clayton), Michael McLennan (Nunawading City), Eray Tapal (Hellas), Con Kiskos (Clerinda), Ugo Juric (Croatia), Chris Siomas (Ferntree Gully), Anthony Arico (Fawkner), Scott Watson (Nunawading City), Jimmy Pasakos (Hellas).

## THEIR HOME

The students of Homebush Boys High School recently took out top honors by winning the 2SM under 16 Schools' Soccer Cup.

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The boys of Homebush High are pictured after being presented with their Cup and cheque for \$800 from 2SM. The school defeated James Cook Boys High in a hard fought final, at Englefield Sports Stadium, Dural. Homebush won the match 3 goals to 2.



## DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?

Ollie Norris (left), and Albert Merrill (rear) are eager to identify the boys in this picture, and have asked "Soccer Action" for help. They are the Victorian under 16 team of 1982. Norris coached them and Merrill was team manager. But memory fades over the years, and so Norris and Merrill are keen to hear who ever can identify the whole team. It includes (bottom left) the great Attila Abonyi and, standing, second from right, Mike Ollowski, now player-coach of Ardeer. If you can help, write to "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

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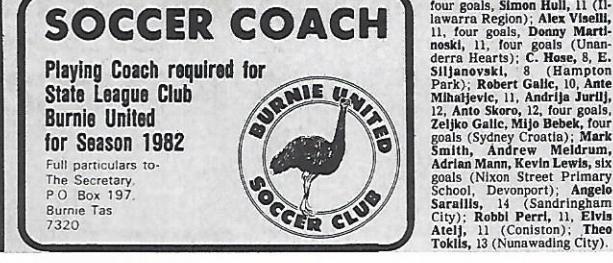
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